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January 17, 2003

The Honorable W.J. (Billy) Tauzin  
United States House of Representatives  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Tauzin.

Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association (WCTA) provides a full range of quality, reliable telecommunication services and products to communities in north central Iowa and south central Minnesota serving over 8,300 customers.

WCTA, like many other rural telephone companies, made investments in our telecommunications equipment to resolve the "telemarketing nuisance calls" when requested by our customers.

We call our service, "Telemarker Call Screening". I have attached an excerpt from our newsletter describing the feature. and also enclosed a brochure.

I am writing to express my concerns of the development of a national "do-not-call" database list, and the cost to individual carriers, such as WCTA, to maintain the database. Especially when I have already made an investment to provide a service to my customers to block telemarketing calls.

Why develop a "do-not-call" telemarketing list. and create additional governmental bureaucracies, when there already is a means to block the telemarketing calls for customers requesting the service?

Sincerely,

Terry Wegener  
General Manager

cc: Iowa Senators  
Iowa Representatives  
Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA  
Don Erickson, OPASTCO  
FCC Commissioners

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### Telemarketer Call Screening

*It never fails ...*

As soon as you sit down at the dinner table the annoying telemarketing calls begin. If you are tired of being interrupted by telemarketing calls, you need Telemarketer Call Screening (TCS) from WCTA.

**Stop annoying  
telemarketer calls.**

TCS will help eliminate interruptions by intercepting telemarketers and instructing them to place you on their "Do Not Call" list, all without even ringing your phone! Other callers are asked to dial "1" or stay on the line to be connected. It's simple, easy and only \$2.75 per month

*Sign up today ...*

It's easy. Simply fill out the back side of this sheet and return it to WCTA.

**1-800-592-6105**

[www.wctatel.net](http://www.wctatel.net)

**704 East Main - Lake Mills, Iowa**

### I want Telemarketer Call Screening!

I understand that I will be billed a one time installation charge of \$12.00 and \$2.75 per month.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**704 East Main**  
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*Linking you to the World*

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Tired of Racing to **the Phone** Only **to** Find It's a Telemarketer?

There **is no** doubt **that** telemarketing **calls** can **be** intrusive and frustrating, especially during dinner family **time**. WCTA's Telemarketer Call Screening can help **put** an end **to** annoying telemarketing **calls**.

**Here** is how it works: **Most** telemarketer **calls** are delivered **as** "Unknown". Telemarketer Call Screening intercepts **these calls** and **plays** an **announcement** stating:

'**The number** you have reached does not **accept calls** from telemarketers. **If you** are a telemarketer, please add this number to your '**Do Not Call**' list and hang up **now**. Otherwise, **please** press 1 or stay on **the** line and your call will go through.'

The **best part is, your** phone doesn't even ring! **Call** WCTA today **at** 1-800-592-6105 to **put** an end to annoying telemarketers at your **house**. It's **fast easy**, and only \$2.75 per month.